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A FRANK MONOPOLIST.

T. B. Walker is said to be the largest individual owner of timber lands in the United States, his holdings in California alone amounting to 650,000 acres. He paid almost nothing for these lands and they have increased in value until his wealth is supposed to be nearly equal to some say greater than Rockefeller's. In a recent interview he is quoted as saying: "I would put the taxes on the poor and the thrifless. They are the people who should pay them. The man who accumulates wealth and makes wealth produce more wealth is a benefit to the community. You should encourage him."

Here is a man bold enough to avow just what he and all of his class are striving to do—what they have already done to a large extent. The question is, will the people stand for it?

Where Taft missed it was when he had a chance to be a Texas sheep herder and didn't accept it.

Mrs. Russell Sage will contribute a million to the war on tuberculosis. If this thing keeps up there is a probability of a famine among the doctors.

Now we know that Captain Bill McDonald is the only revenue agent who cannot be fooled by the rascally occupation tax dodgers. He says so himself.

The Houston Post criticizes the president for saying "politics are." Why, man, there are enough different kinds of Democratic politics in Texas to justify the plural form, not mentioning the numerous other kinds.

Senator Aldrich is coming west—not to grow up with the country but to preach the gospel of the central bank of issue, so that a little clique of financiers can more easily control the volume of the currency.

One of John Mike's turkey gobblers which looked like he weighed 75 pounds, was promenading on the street Saturday. It is suspected he was hunting a newspaper to see if the Thanksgiving proclamation has been published yet.

According to the Enterprise, the question of the lasting qualities of buttermilk is to be decided by a Beaumont court. This reminds us of a boy in Tennessee who declared that a fence made of cedar would last all ways for his dad had tried it twice.

If the government wants a close-mouthed man for Chinese minister Bryan can furnish him. No person prompted by curiosity need ask any questions, for The Eagle will give no information except to Mr. Taft himself.

self upon assurance that he means business.

When an election approaches in Mexico the government sends out its rurales to round up the leaders of the opposition and put them in jail; but Gen. Reyes was too big a man to be disposed of that way, so he has been sent to Europe on a "military mission."

Nobody can charge Cone Johnson with a lack of candor in his Terrell speech. While not asserting that statutory prohibition is constitutional, he argued in favor of it. In case the courts do not sustain this view he would impose such restrictions on the sale of intoxicating liquors that the saloons would be put out of business.

The Eagle is opposed to baseball because it consumes immense quantities of energy and sacrifices valuable

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"That Steinhill woman, on trial for atrocious crimes in Paris, became so enmeshed in a tissue of lies that she completely broke down Friday. No doubt she realizes the truth of the old couplet: 'O, what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive.'"

The people should not forget that Maj. Tom W. Durham, responsible chiefly for the atrocities in the Rusk penitentiary, is a cousin of Governor Campbell's wife, and was allowed to hold his position as assistant superintendent by an amendment to the anti-nepotism bill passed at the instance of Governor Campbell himself.

If instead of becoming cotton crazy and increasing the acreage next year, the farmers of Brazos county will prepare to raise more hogs, they will make no mistake. According to the latest figures, there is a falling off of pork hogs marketed this year as compared with the number up to the same time last year. This shortage and the increasing demand insure good prices next year.

In all that is sent out by Dallas newspaper men, including Dr. Rankin and J. C. McNealus, the state fair was a hotbed of political conspiracies. The next gathering of the dark-lantern clans will be at San Antonio next week and it is not improbable that one or more explosions will be the result, in which the political fortunes of some prominent Texans will be wrecked. These are perilous times for the politicians and mighty interesting things are happening.

COLLEGE TRAIN DECORATED.

Cadet J. W. Butts and several others were in the city yesterday procuring large supplies of red and white bunting, the College colors, with which to decorate the special train that carried the College boys to Houston today. They proposed to run long white and red streamers the full length of the train. Cadet Butts is yell leader for the corps and has drilled the boys on the multitude of College yells until they have them down fige. It is a sure thing the people along the route will find out the College special is passing. Mr. Butts said they were going to make a noise like victory.

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